

REMARKS

In the Official Action mailed October 7, 2005, the Examiner issued a Restriction Requirement to Applicant with respect to the following inventions:

Grouping A:

A1) Claims 2, 6, 12, and 13 are directed to direct exposure of a (photosensitive) recording medium to form a watermark.

A2) Claims 3, 11, and 26 are directed to forming the watermark separately from recording the image on the recording medium (e.g., via donor medium with dye-forming layers).

Grouping B:

B1) Claims 5 and 18 are directed to forming the watermark on the recording medium during the manufacturing step.

B2) Claim 19 is directed to forming the watermark on the recording medium prior to image content being formed on the recording medium.

B3) Claim 20 is directed to forming the watermark on the recording medium following image content being formed on the recording medium.

B4) Claims 14 and 27 are directed to forming the watermark on the recording medium during image content being formed on the recording medium.

Grouping C:

C1) Claims 7 and 22 are directed to the recording medium being a motion picture print film.

C2) Claims 8 and 21 are directed to the recording medium being a motion picture negative.

C3) Claims 9 and 23 are directed to the recording medium being a microfilm.

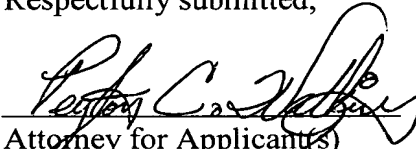
C4) Claims 10 and 24 are directed to the recording medium being a still imaging medium.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants hereby confirm election of a single disclosed species in each of the groups indicated above (Groups A, B, and C, respectively) for prosecution on the merits to which the

claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. The claims being elected are, A1) Claims 2, 6, 12, and 13; B2) Claim 19; and C2) Claims 8 and 21.

Non-elected claims A2) Claims 3, 11, and 26; B1) Claims 5 and 18; B3) Claim 20; B4) Claims 14 and 27; C1) Claims 7 and 22; C3) Claims 9 and 23; and C4) Claims 10 and 24, have been cancelled.

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